# DoD Food & Nutrition Subcommittee Update

Joint Subsistence Policy Board Philadelphia, PA 29 February 2012

### Organization

Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Chair, DoD Nutrition Committee

Food & Nutrition Subcommittee

Dietary Supplement Subcommittee

#### Working Groups <u>Food and Nutrition</u> <u>Subcommittee</u>

Food Service Operations Medical Nutrition Therapy Performance Nutrition Nutritional Aspects of Health Promotion

#### Subcommittee Functions/Members

"...shall make recommendations on policy and nutritional requirements of the military services..."

#### Membership

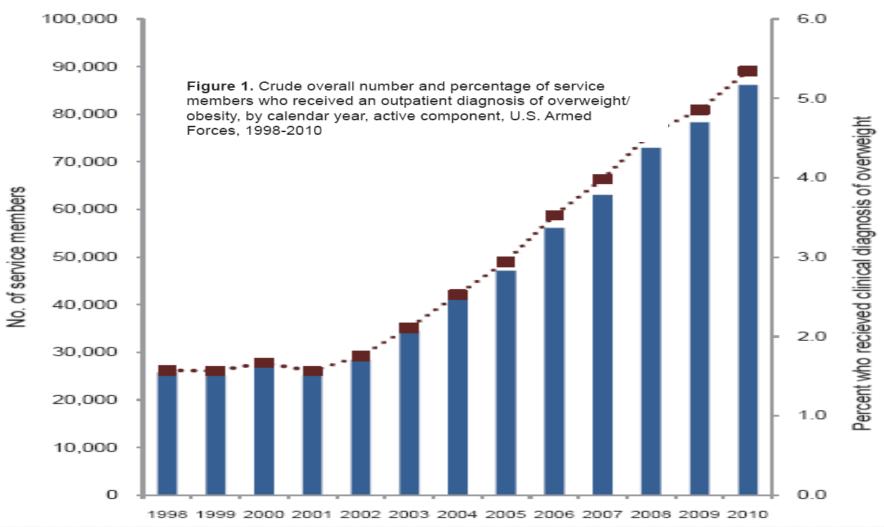
- Department of Defense and other governmental organizations with professional expertise in nutrition, health promotion, food service, human performance, physiology, biochemistry and epidemiology.
- Currently 59

Military Nutrition Environment Assessment Tool (mNEAT)

## Background

- Issue: Military communities frequently lack a supportive healthy eating environment
  - Health and behavioral economics literature:
    - Goal: Healthy Living = <u>Default Choice</u> and <u>Social Norm</u>
    - Policy/environmental changes = More effective; Less costly
  - In alignment with:
    - CJCS's Total Force Fitness framework
    - ASD (HA) Obesity Campaign
    - HHS and GSA's "Health and Sustainability Guidelines for Federal Concessions and Vending Operations"
    - 2010 U.S. Dietary Guidelines

#### Active Component with Overweight or Obesity



## Background

Directives involved:

- DoDI 6130.05 DoD Nutrition Committee
- DoDI 1338.10 Food Service Program
- DoDD 6490.02E Comprehensive Health Surveillance
- DoDD 6200.04 Force Health Protection

#### Stakeholders:

- Commanders
- MHS, Service SGs
- Defense Logistics Agency, Joint Subsistence Policy Board
- DeCA, MWR, Exchanges, Appropriated & NAF dining facilities

#### Diners

## **Benefits of mNEAT**

Provides comprehensive joint surveillance of the eating environment to:

- Identify the issues
- Gather best practices
- Develop effective DoD level policies
- Local level
  - Engages community members & stakeholders creates a community nutrition coalition to continually address issues
  - Provides a nutrition environment baseline assessment
  - Identifies actionable information on target areas for improvement



#### m-NEAT Digital Dashboard :: m-NEAT Surveys

Billeting Non-Ref Vending	Convenience Store DeCA Fast	Food	Fitness Cer	nters I	nitial Militar	y Trainii	ng DFAC	Military D	ining Fa	cility Non-	
School Meals School Polic	cies School Vending Worksite S	etting	Final Score	Feed	Back Actio	n Plan					
Fitness Centers Do Fitness Centers that have a food center (i.e. Juice Bar, Food Center, Beverage Machine) routinely offer the following? N/A is to be applied only in the absence of either categories of Food Center/Juice Bar or Beverage Vending. In this case, apply the N/A to all criteria within that category.											
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Food Center or Juice Bar	Fresh Fruit	OYe	s 🔿 No		OYes	⊖ No		OYes	◯ No	⊖ na	
	Energy or Sports Bars	OYe	is 🔿 No		⊖Yes	⊖ No		OYes	⊖ No		
	100% Fruit Juice	OYe	is 🔿 No		OYes	⊖ No		OYes	⊖ No		
	Bottled Water	OYe	s 🔿 No		OYes	⊖ No		OYes	⊖ No	⊖ na	
	Sports Drink (i.e. PowerAde, GatorAde)	OYe	s 🔿 No		OYes	⊖ No		OYes	◯ No	O NA	

## Recommendation to DoD Nutrition Committee

Adopt m-NEAT as the primary DoD surveillance tool to monitor, track, and promote positive changes in the military eating environment.

## Response – DoD Nutrition Committee

 Provide additional information regarding mNEAT's validation as a tool before deploying

## Food Cost Index (FCI)

Definition:

A prescribed list of food components at specified quantities that represent the allowance for 100 standard rations. In conjunction with pricing catalogues, the FCI is used to compute the Basic Daily Food Allowance (BDFA).

#### **Issues and Impact**

#### Issues:

The Food Cost Index, last updated in 1991, is outdated, failing to keep up with changes in Standards and with eating patterns.

The FCI Market Basket is specified in the DOD-I 1338.10. This housing makes it difficult to update, and fails to respond with updated science and supply data. Impact:

Personnel readiness. FCI does not align with current Menu Standards and Nutrition goals, shorting funding for nutrient dense products. The cost constraints affect food purchasing patterns for military dining facilities.

### **Directives & Stakeholders**

 Directives involved: DoD Food Service Program DoDI 1338.10 and Manual DoDI 1338.10-M

 Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve

Affairs and Logistics)

Stakeholders:

- Commanders
- SG's and Medical Community
- Defense Logistic Agency-Troop Support
- Joint Subsistence Policy Board
- Diners

## Sample list of Food Cost

### Index

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Bacon		5.812
Beef, Patties, W/Soy		8.778
Beef, Pattie, Mix (Bulk), W/Soy		10.934
Beef, Oven Roast		9.243
Beef, Stewing		8.207
Chicken, Cut-up (RTC)	LB.	13.229
Fish, Fillets, Perch	LB.	1.509
Fish, Portions, Perce	LB.	1.547
Shrimp, Bread	LB.	1.983
Tuna, Canned, 4 LBs.	LB.	0.965
Frankfurters	LB.	3.930
Ham, Pullman, Sectioned & Formed	LB.	4.741
Pork Loin Boneless	LB.	7.368
Pork Sausage, Patties	LB.	3.040
Turkey, Boneless, Raw	LB.	4.264
Butter, (C8900-PL: BDFA price)	LB.	10.000
Cheese, Processed, American (12.5 LBS.)		3.125
Eggs, Shell, Fresh		10.00
Milk, Fresh, Homogenized,		3.576
Milk, Fresh, Homogenized, Lowfat		21.424
Apples, Fresh		16.825
Bananas, Fresh		20.686
Oranges, Fresh		14.527
Fruit Cocktail, #10 Can	LB.	3.790

#### DoD Nutrition Committee Update • Approved the JSPB execute the following:

- Establish a working group of foodservice leaders, supply experts, and registered dietitians to update the Food Cost Index to be consistent with current menu standards, nutrition goals, and science.
- Move the Food Cost Index out of the DoD-I 1338.10 to enable more rapid updating, but continue to reference it as the underpinning of how the BDFA or equivalent concept is calculated.

## JSPB Way Ahead

- Solicit volunteers (food service, RDs and DLA) to update FCI
- Formalize working group and coordinate activities
- Present product to Chair, Food and Nutrition Subcommittee by 31 Aug 2012
  - FNSC to present to DoD Nutrition Committee